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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, ASEC  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST TWA AT FIUMICINO AIRPORT

REF: A. ROME 19489 B. STATE 283185 C. STATE 283135

1. COMMUNIST DAILY, PAESE SERA, NOVEMBER 30 CARRIED MAJOR STORY ON ABOVE SUBJECT WITH FOLLOWING HEADLINE: "ALARM AT FIUMICINO: FEAR OF AN ATTEMPT BY PALESTINIANS. TARGET IS A TWA PLANE. A WOMAN WOULD PLACE THE BOMB." THE ARTICLE CONTAINS A DETAILED AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE THREAT AGAINST TWA, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE WOMAN, THE SUITCASE AND THE TIMING. THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE INFORMATION AS COMING FROM THE ITALIAN SECURITY SERVICES. THE ONLY MENTION OF THE US IS ONE SENTENCE STATING THAT AMERICAN "SECRET SERVICES" HAVE SENT A SMALL GROUP OF SPECIAL AGENTS TO FIUMINCINO AIRPORT. THE ARTICLE ALSO DESCRIBES IN DETAIL THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES THAT WERE TAKEN AT FIUMINCINO AND, FINALLY, POINTS OUT THAT THE THREAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE SECRET TRUCE ALLEGEDLY WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS AFTER THE BLOWING UP OF A PANAM PLANE AT FIJMINCINO IN DECEMBER OF 1973.

2. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS INFORMED US THAT IT HAS MADE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE LEAK WHICH LED TO THE ABOVE NEWSPAPER  
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STORY. RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION POINT TO TWA EMPLOYEES AS THE SOURCE. REPORTEDLY, TWA OFFICIALS BRIEFED IN DETAIL ALL 109 ITALIAN TWA EMPLOYEES AT FIUMICINO AIRPORT LAST FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

3. WE WILL REFER ANY PRESS INQUIRIES THAT WE RECEIVE TO THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND HAVE SO INFORMED THAT MINISTRY.

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